



• وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا
مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ
عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

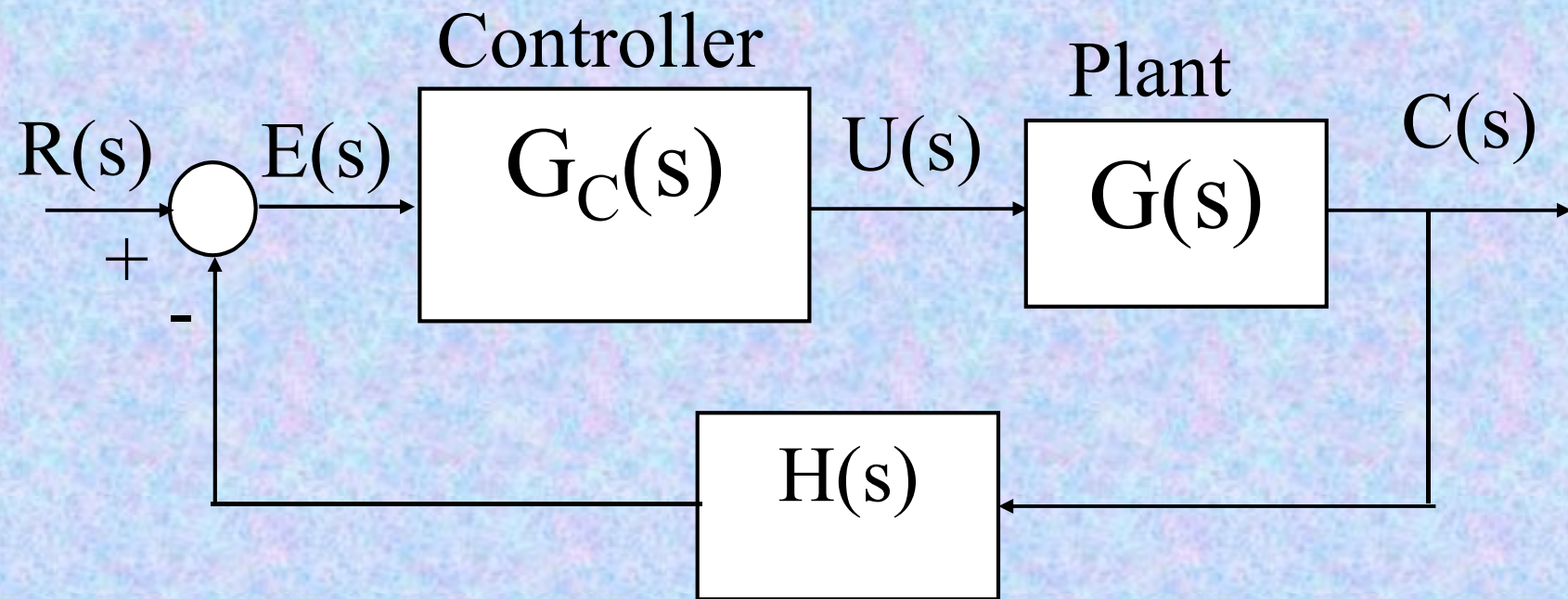
• وَرَأْسُكُمْ يَا
مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ
عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

• وَبُرْجَانِكُمْ يَا
مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ
عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

Chapter 6

Root Locus Technique

• Introduction



- **Stability**
- The stability of the closed loop control system can be determined from the location of the
- **closed loop poles** (roots of the characteristic equation),
- whether the system is **stable**
- or **unstable**.

Example:

Find the output response for a unit step input $R(s)=1/s$ for the system has closed loop T.F:

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{10}{(s+2)(s+4)}$$

Solution

$$C(s) = \frac{10}{s(s+2)(s+4)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{(s+2)} + \frac{C}{(s+4)}$$

$$C(s) = \frac{1.25}{s} - \frac{2.5}{(s+2)} + \frac{1.25}{(s+4)}$$

$$c(t) = \underbrace{1.25}_{\text{Steady state}} - \underbrace{2.5e^{-2t} + 1.25e^{-4t}}_{\text{Transient}}$$

$$= C_{SS} + C_t(t)$$

Dr. Refaat S. Ahmed

- **As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $c_t(t) = 0$, transient output = 0, and**
- **The system output, $c(t) =$**
- **steady state output, C_{ss}**
- **Such systems are called**
- ***absolutely stable systems***

Example 2:

Find the output response for a unit step input $R(s)=1/s$ for the system has closed loop T.F:

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{10}{(s - 2)(s + 4)}$$

Solution

$$C(s) = \frac{10}{s(s-2)(s+4)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{(s-2)} + \frac{C}{(s+4)}$$

$$C(s) = -\frac{1.25}{s} + \frac{0.833}{(s-2)} + \frac{0.416}{(s+4)}$$

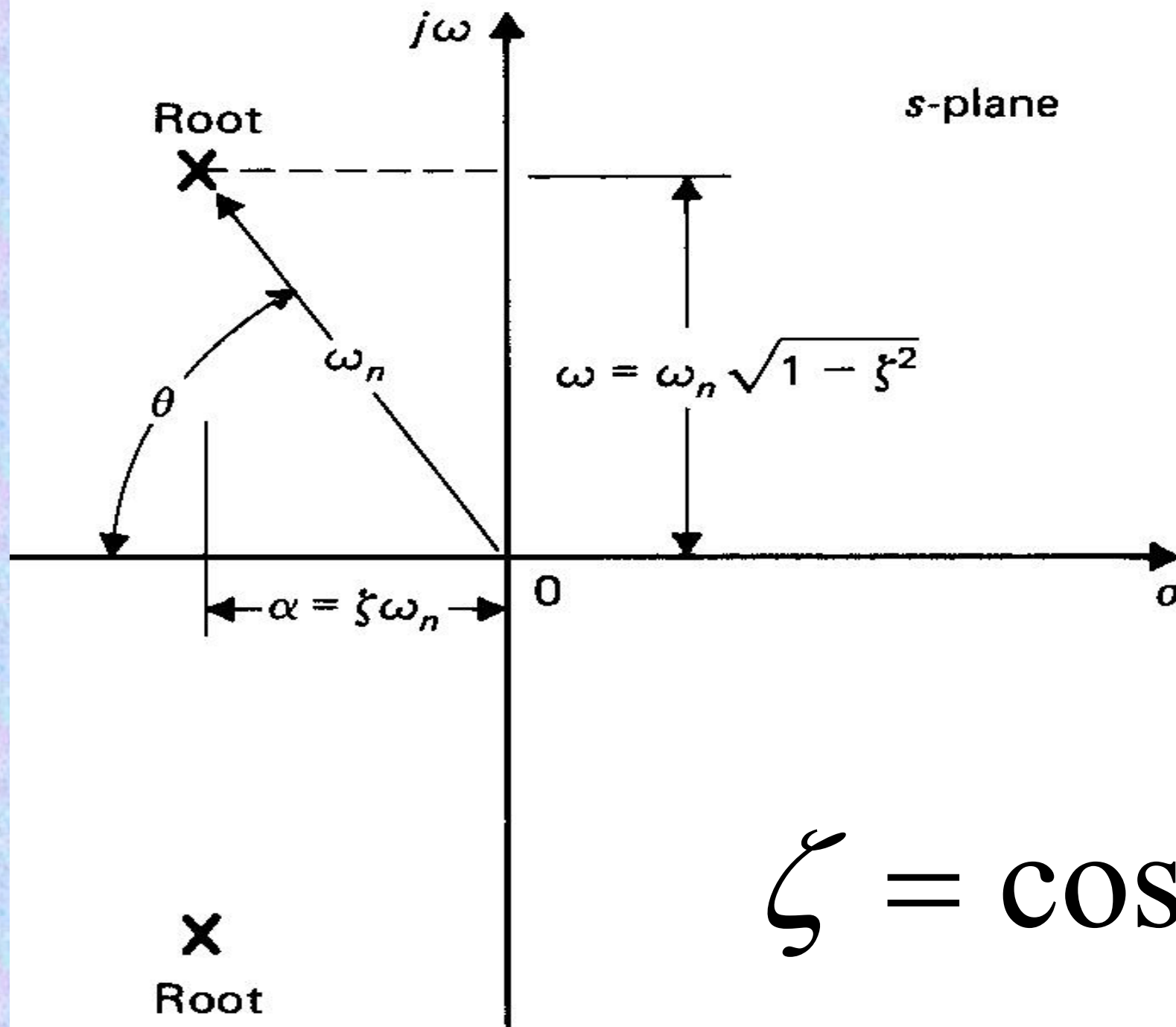
$$c(t) = -1.25 + 0.833 e^{+2t} + 0.416 e^{-4t}$$

- As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $c(t) = \infty$, due to
- exponential term with **positive**
- index, transient go on increasing
- in amplitude.
- So such system is called **unstable**.

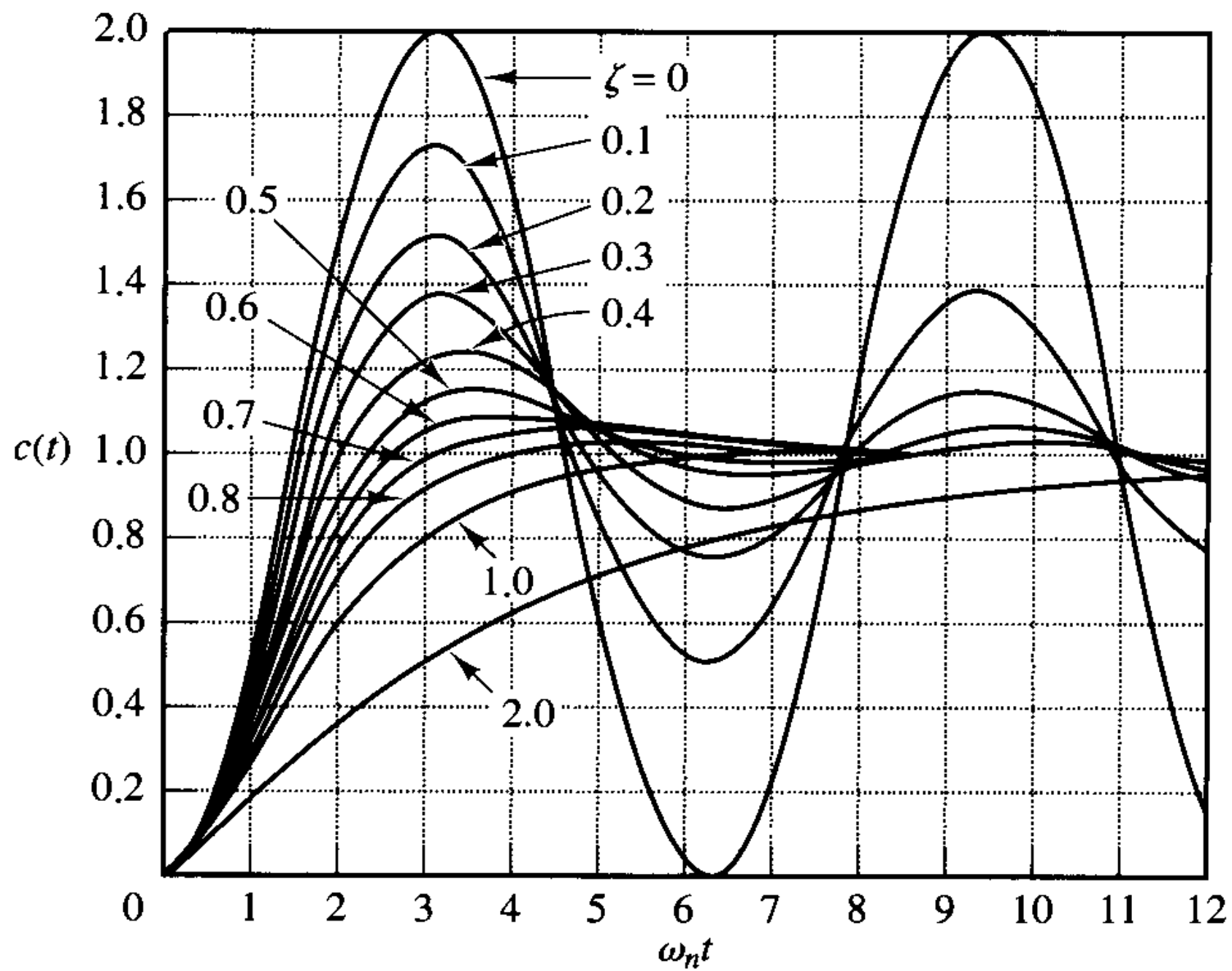
- **Stable Systems:**
- If the closed loop poles of the system
- are located in the **left half** of s-plane,
- the system is **stable**.
- **Unstable Systems:**
- If any of the closed loop poles of the
- system are located in the **right half** of
- s-plane, the system is **unstable**.

- **Relative Stability**
- **The system is relatively more**
- **stable or unstable depending on**
- **the settling time.**
- **The system is relatively more**
- **stable if settling time of the system**
- **is less than the other system.**
-

- **Transient Response**
- **The transient response of the**
- **system is related to the location**
- **of the closed loop poles of the**
- **system**



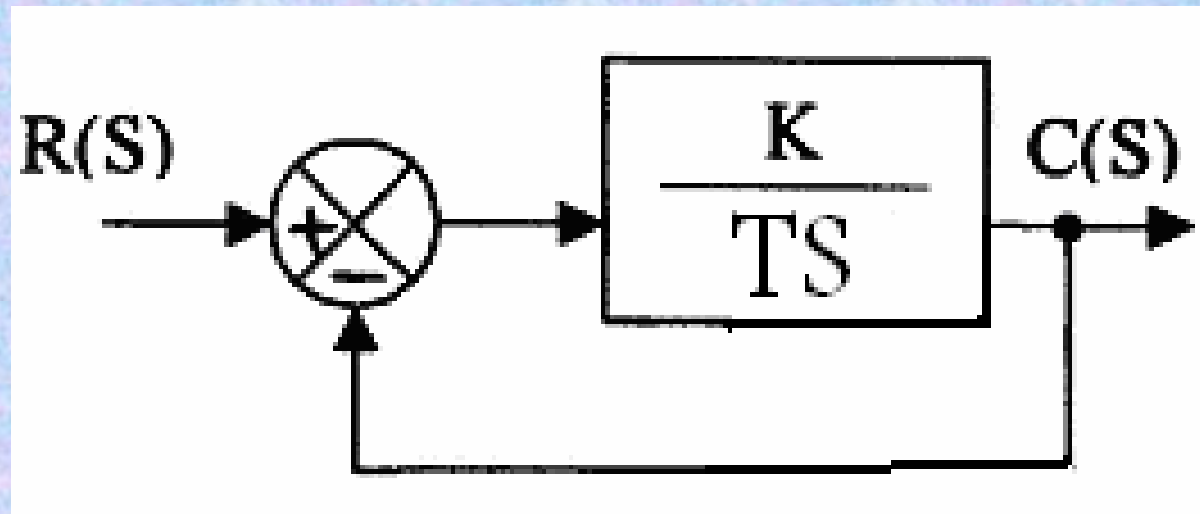
$$\zeta = \cos \theta$$



- **Root Locus Concept**

- **The root locus is the path of the**
- **roots of the characteristic**
- **equation in s-plane as system**
- **parameter (K) is changed.**
- **The root locus technique are**
- **used to study the changes in**
- **performance of linear systems that**
- **occur with variations of system**
- **parameters.**

- **Example 6.1:**
- **Construct the root locus**
- **diagram for the first order**
- **system shown in figure**



- **Solution:**

- Open loop transfer function is

- $G(s)H(s) = K / Ts$

- **Characteristic equation is:**

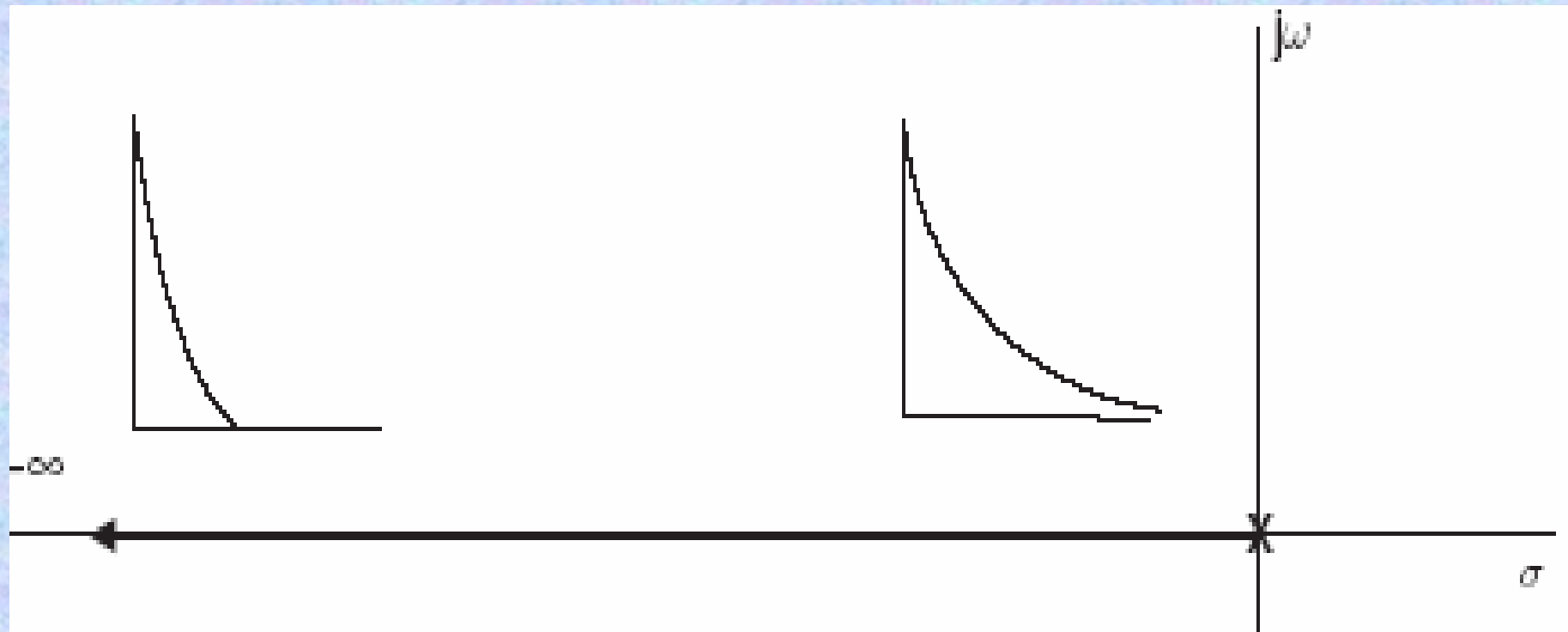
- $1 + G(s)H(s) = 0$

- $1 + K / Ts = 0$

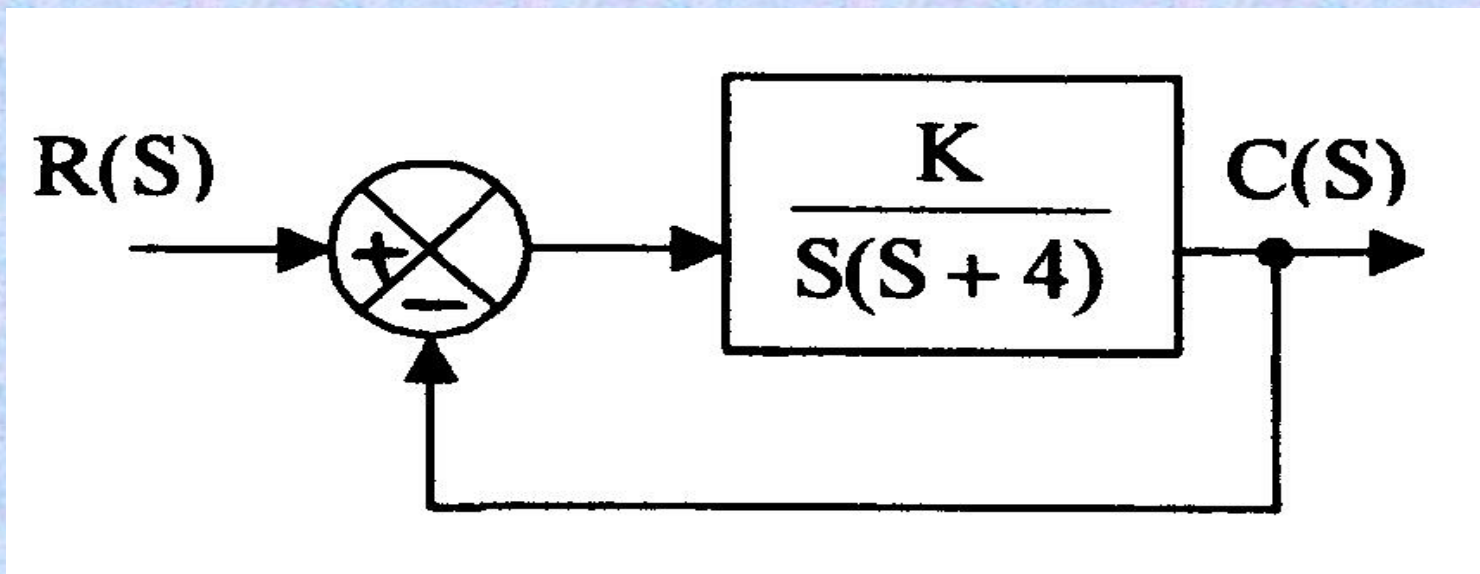
- $Ts + K = 0$

- Root of the characteristic equation is at **$s = -K / T$**

- When K is varied from zero to infinity
- the locus starts at the open loop
- pole $s = 0$ and terminates at minus
- infinity on the real axis as shown in
- figure 6.2



- **Example 6.2:**
- **Construct the root locus diagram**
- **for the second order system**
- **shown in figure 6.3.**



- **Solution:**

- The open loop transfer function is

- $G(s)H(s) = K / s(s+4)$

- The open-loop poles are:

- $s = 0, \quad s = -4$

- The characteristic equation is:

- $1 + G(s)H(s) = 0$

- $1 + K / s(s+4) = 0$

- $s^2 + 4s + K = 0$

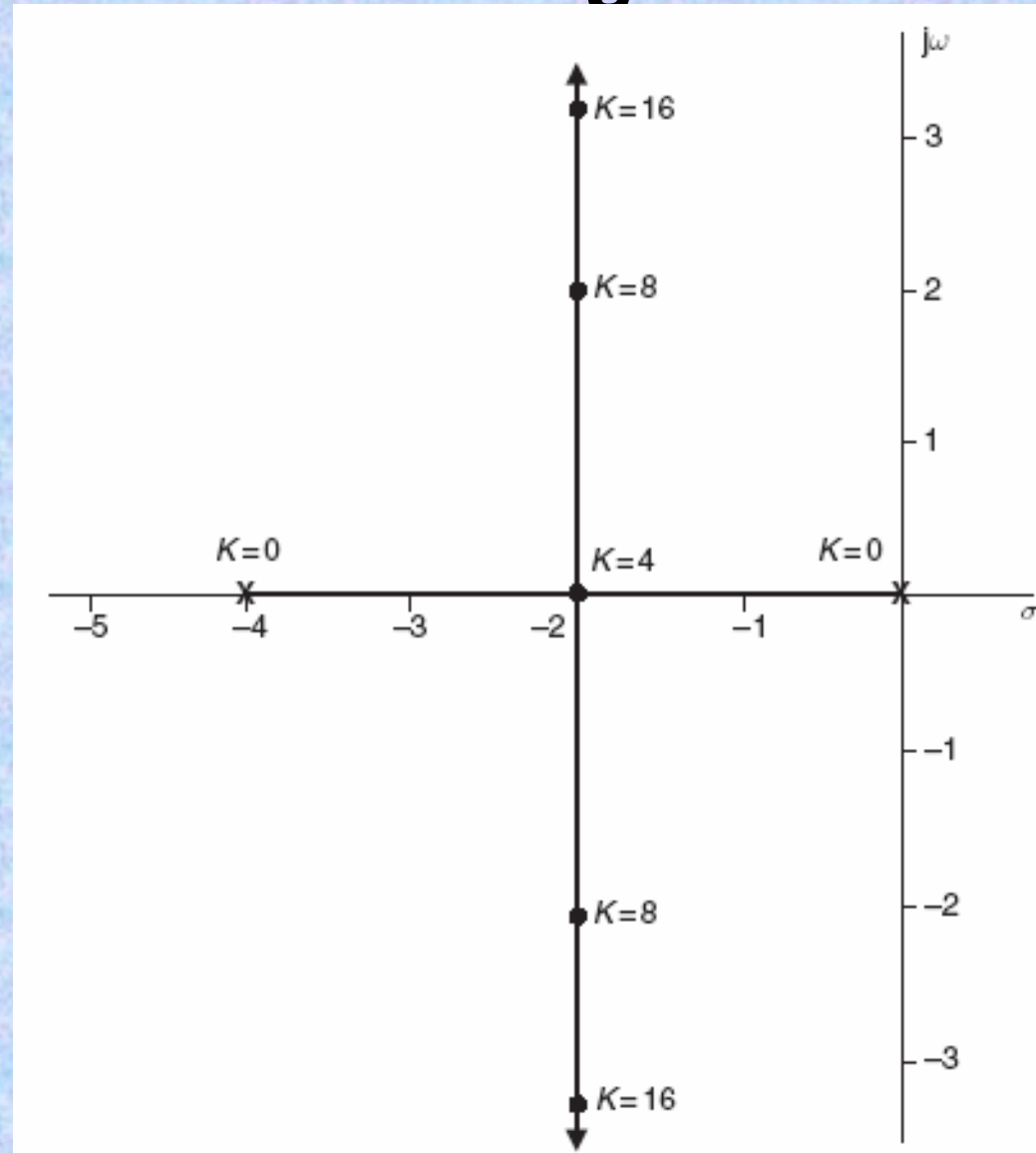
- **The roots are:**

$$\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4K}}{2} = -2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{(16 - 4K)}}{2}$$

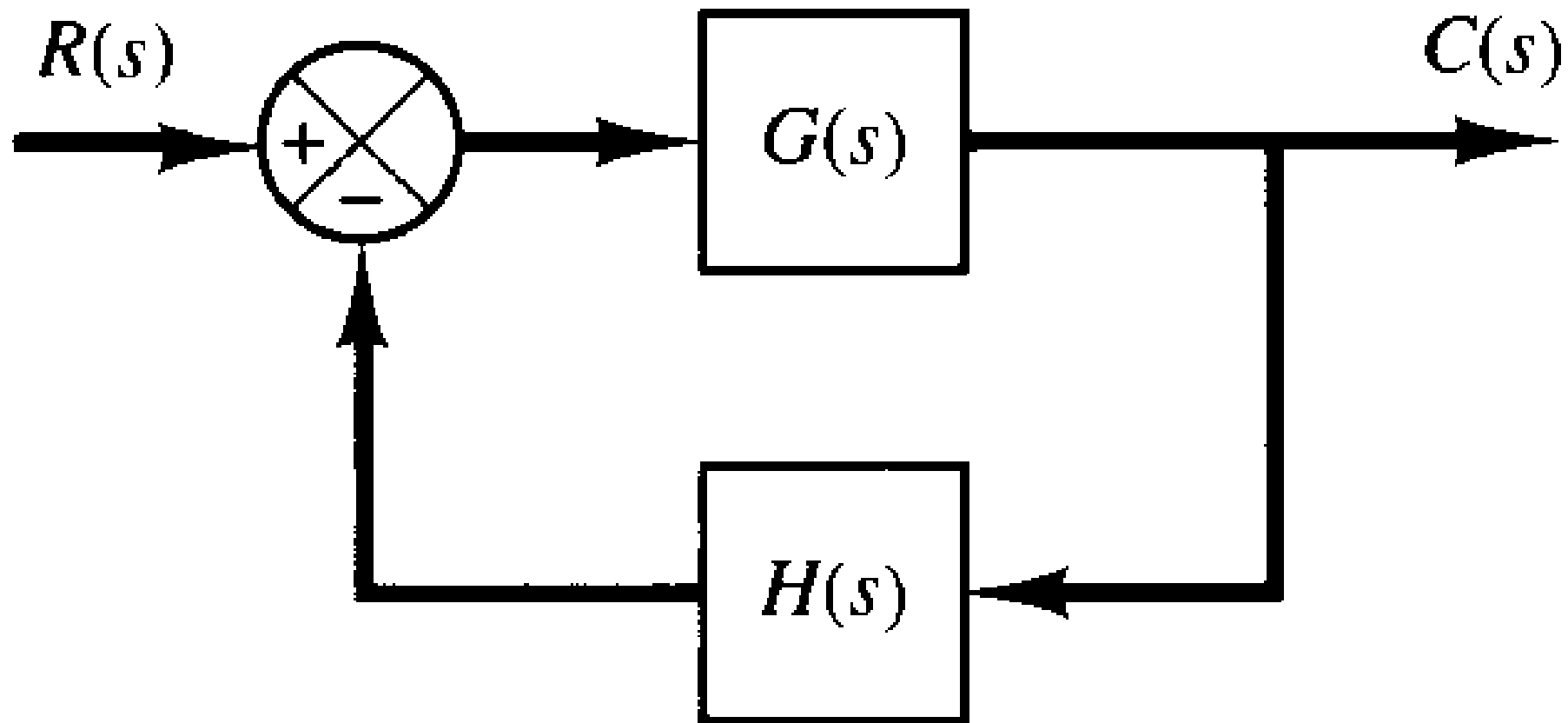
- **Table 6.1 shows the roots of the**
- **characteristic equation for**
- **different values of K.**

K	S1	S2
0	0	-4
4	-2	-2
8	$-2 + j2$	$-2 - j2$
16	$-2 + j3.46$	$-2 - j3.46$
10^6	$-2 + j1000$	$-2 - j1000$
:	:	:
∞	$-2 + j\infty$	$-2 - j\infty$

Figure 6.4 shows the corresponding root-locus diagram..



- **Root Locus of a Closed loop Control System**



- **The closed loop transfer**
- **function is given by:**

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = G_{CL}(s) = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

- The characteristic equation of the
- closed loop systems is:

- $1 + G(s)H(s) = 0 \quad (6.2)$

- $G(s)H(s) = -1 \quad (6.3)$

- **Since equation (6.3) is a vector**
- **quantity, it can be represented in**
- **terms of magnitude and angle as:**
-

Angle Condition

$$\angle G(s)H(s) = \pm(2i + 1)\pi \quad (6.4)$$

Magnitude Condition

$$|G(s)H(s)| = 1 \quad (6.5)$$

- **All the roots of the characteristic**
- **equation must satisfy the**
- **angle condition (Eq. 6.4) and**
- **magnitude condition (Eq. 6.5)**
-

The open loop transfer function $G(s)H(s)$ must be written in factored form as

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s + z_1)(s + z_2) \dots (s + z_m)}{(s + p_1)(s + p_2) \dots (s + p_n)}$$

Applying the angle criteria,
(equation (6.4)), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s)H(s) &= \angle s + z_1 + \angle s + z_1 + \cdots + \angle s + z_m \\ &\quad - (\angle s + p_1 + \angle s + p_2 + \cdots + \angle s + p_n) \\ &= \pm(2i + 1)\pi\end{aligned}$$

- i.e. for any point laying on a root locus of a system,
- the sum of the angles from the
- zeros to that point minus the sum
- of the angles from the poles to
- that point must satisfy the angle
- condition.

Applying the magnitude criteria
(equation (6.5)), we get:

$$|G(s)H(s)| = \frac{K|s + z_1||s + z_2|\cdots|s + z_m|}{|s + p_1||s + p_2|\cdots|s + p_n|} = 1$$

- **Example for angle condition**
- Refer to example (6.2), the OLTF of a system is:
- $G(s)H(s) = K / s(s+4)$
- Find whether the points $s = -1$ and
- $s = -1 + j2$ are on the root locus or
- not using angle condition.

- **Solution:**
- **(a) Use angle condition for the point $s=-1$**

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \Big|_{\text{at } s=-1} = \pm(2i+1)\pi$$

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \Big|_{\text{at } s=-1} = \frac{\angle K}{\angle -1 + \angle 3} = \frac{0^\circ}{180^\circ + 0^\circ} = -180^\circ$$

- **Since $s = -1$ satisfy the angle condition, then it is on the root locus.**

- **(b) Use angle condition for the point $s = -1 + j2$**

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \Big|_{\text{at } s = -1 + j2} = \frac{\angle K}{\angle(-1 + j2) + \angle(3 + j2)}$$

$$= \frac{0^\circ}{-63.43^\circ + 33.7^\circ} = -29.73^\circ$$

- **the point at $s = -1 + j2$ is not on the root locus.**

- **Example for magnitude condition**
- Refer to example (6.2), the OLTF of a system is:
- $G(s)H(s) = K / s(s+4)$
- and the points $s = -1$ is on the root locus.
- Use the magnitude condition to
- find the value of K at this point.

- **Solution:**
- **Use magnitude condition for the point $s=-1$**

$$|G(s)H(s)|_{\text{at } s=-1} = \frac{|K|}{|s||s+4|} = 1$$

$$\frac{|K|}{|-1||3|} = 1 \quad \therefore K = 3$$

- **Example 2 (Angle condition)**
- **Assume OLTF is:**
- **$G(s)H(s) = K / s(s+2)(s+4)$**
- **Find whether the points $s = -0.75$ and $s = -1 + j4$ are on the root locus or not using angle condition.**

- **Solution:**

- **(a) Use angle condition for the point $s=-0.75$**

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \Big|_{\text{at } s=-0.75} = \pm(2i+1)\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle G(s)H(s) \Big|_{\text{at } s=-0.75} &= \frac{\angle K}{\angle -0.75 + \angle 1.25 + \angle 3.25} \\ &= \frac{0^\circ}{180^\circ + 0^\circ + 0^\circ} = -180^\circ \end{aligned}$$

- **(b) Use angle condition for the point $s = -1 + j4$**

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \Big|_{\text{at } s = -1 + j4} = \frac{\angle K}{\angle(-1 + j4) + \angle(1 + j4) + \angle(3 + j4)}$$

$$= \frac{0^\circ}{-75.96^\circ + 75.96^\circ + 53.13^\circ} = -53.13^\circ$$

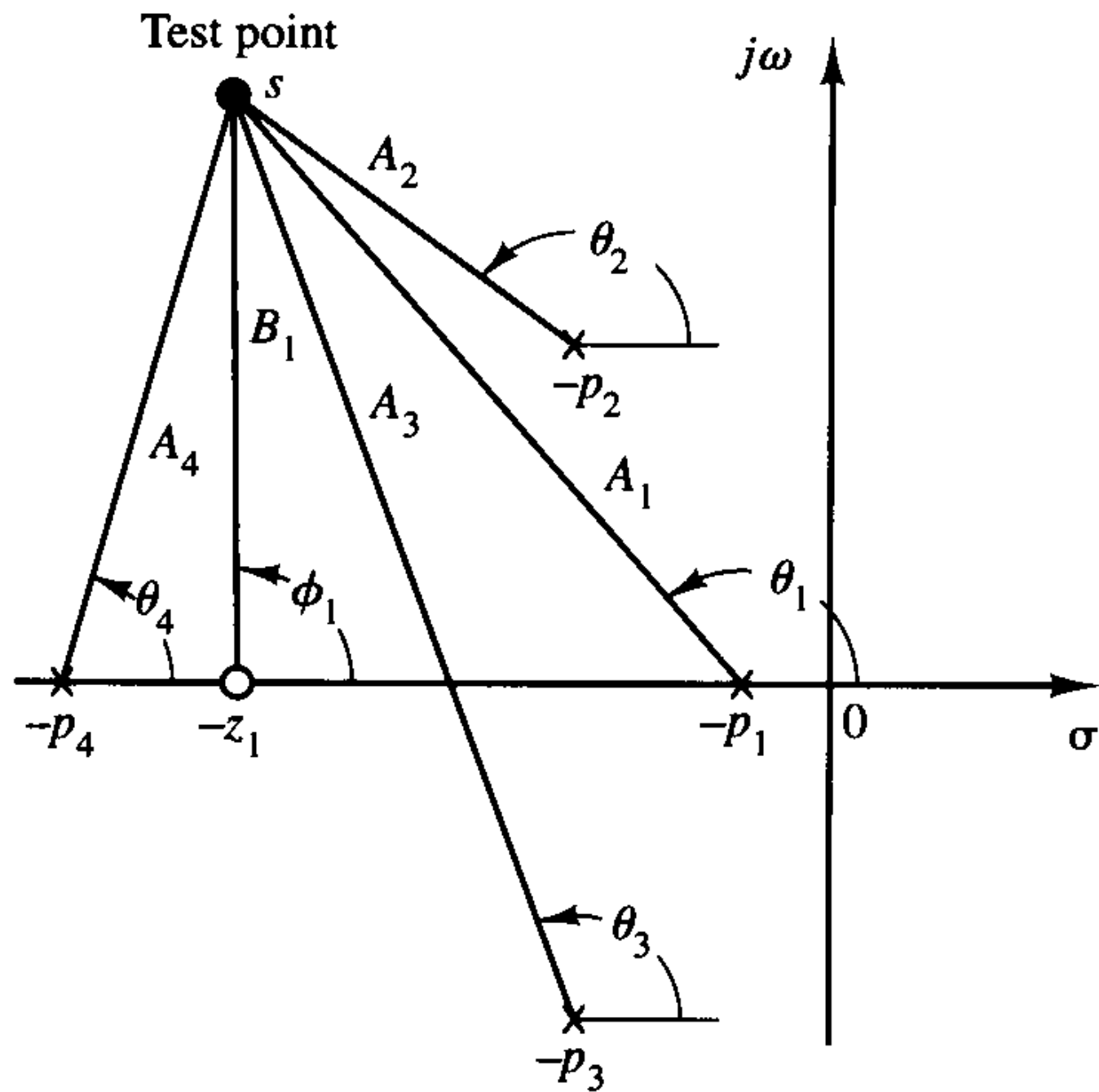
- **The point $s = -1 + j4$ is not on the root locus**

- **Graphical Method of determining the value of K**
- **Example:**
- **If $G(s)H(s)$ is given by**

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s + z_1)}{(s + p_1)(s + p_2)(s + p_3)(s + p_4)}$$

- **Where p_1 and p_4 are real poles while p_2 and p_3 are complex conjugate poles of $G(s)H(s)$, as shown in figure**

- **(a) Find whether the test point S is**
- **on the root locus or not using**
- **angle condition.**
- **(b) If it is on the root locus, find**
- **the value of K at this point.**
- **Solution**
- **(a) Join all open loop poles and**
- **zeros with the test point S as**
- **shown in figure.**



- **Then the angle of $G(s)H(s)$ is**

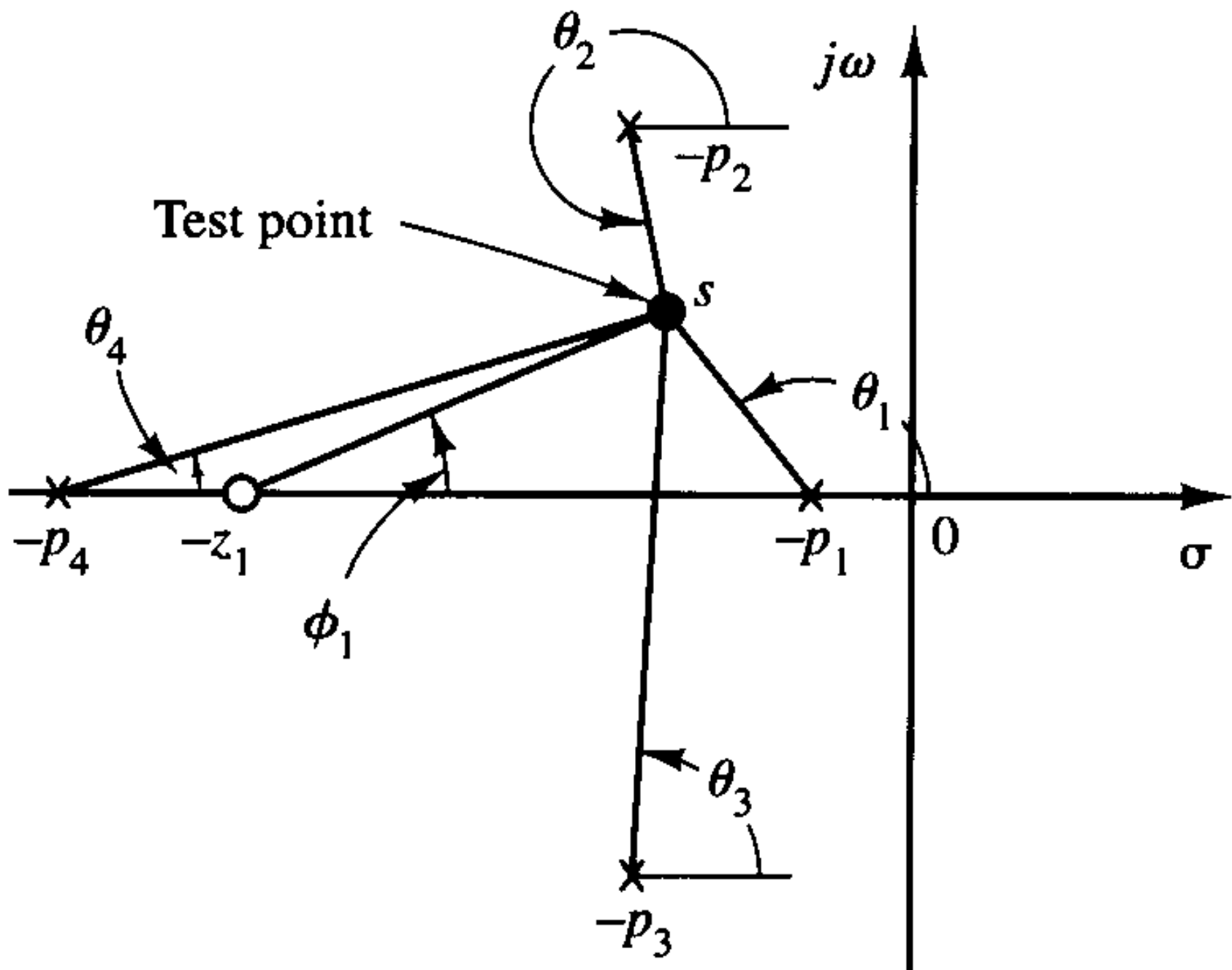
$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s)H(s) &= \angle s + z_1 \\ &\quad - (\angle s + p_1 + \angle s + p_2 + \angle s + p_3 + \angle s + p_4) \\ &= \phi_1 - (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4)\end{aligned}$$

- The magnitude of $G(s)H(s)$ is:

$$|G(s)H(s)| = \frac{K|s + z_1|}{|s + p_1||s + p_2||s + p_3||s + p_4|}$$

$$= \frac{KB_1}{A_1A_2A_3A_4} = 1$$

$$K = \frac{A_1A_2A_3A_4}{B_1}$$



- **Example:**

- **Construct the root locus diagram**
- **for the system whose OLTF**

- **$G(s)H(s)$ is:**
$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s + 1)}{s(s + 5)}$$

- **Solution:**

- **The open-loop poles are at**
- **$s = 0, \quad s = -5$**
- **The open-loop zero is at $s = -1$**

- **The characteristic equation is:**

$$1 + G(s)H(s) = 1 + \frac{K(s+1)}{s(s+5)} = 0$$

- **$s^2 + (5 + K)s + K = 0$**

- **The roots are:**

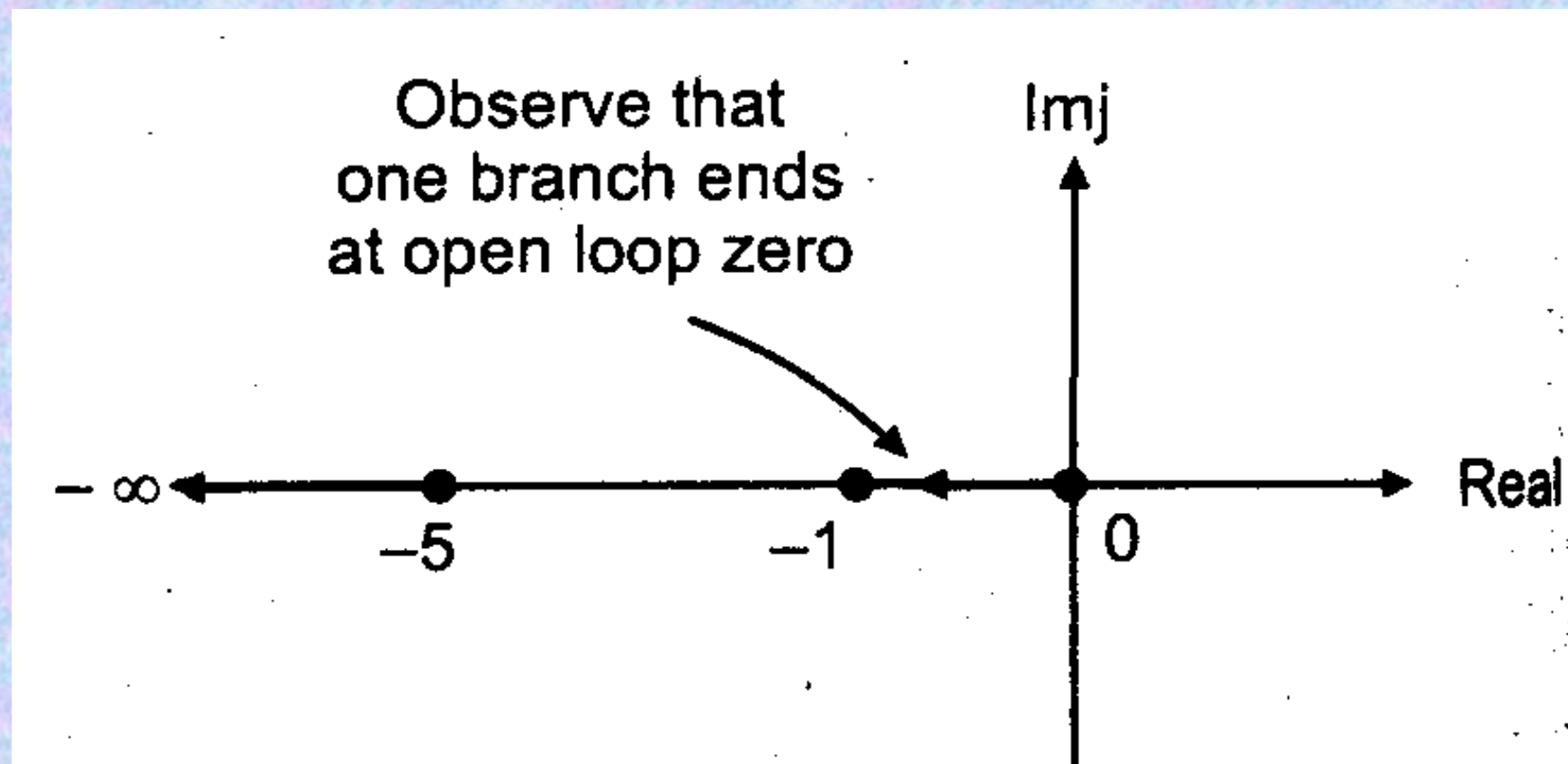
$$s_1, s_2 = \frac{-(K+5) \pm \sqrt{(K+5)^2 - 4K}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-(K+5)}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{K^2 + 6K + 25}}{2}$$

- **Table shows the roots of the characteristic equation for different values of K .**

K	S1	S2
0	0	-5
1	-0.172	-5.83
5	-0.53	-9.47
1000	-0.996	-1004
:	:	:
∞	-1	$-\infty$

Figure shows the corresponding root-locus diagram .



- The root locus has two branches (number of open loop poles).
- Both branches are starting from $s=0$ and $s=-5$ which are open loop poles.
- One of the branches terminates at $s=-1$ which is open loop zero, while other branch is terminating at infinity.

- **Rules for Construction the Root Locus**

- **1● rearrange the open loop transfer**
- **function, if necessary, in the form of**

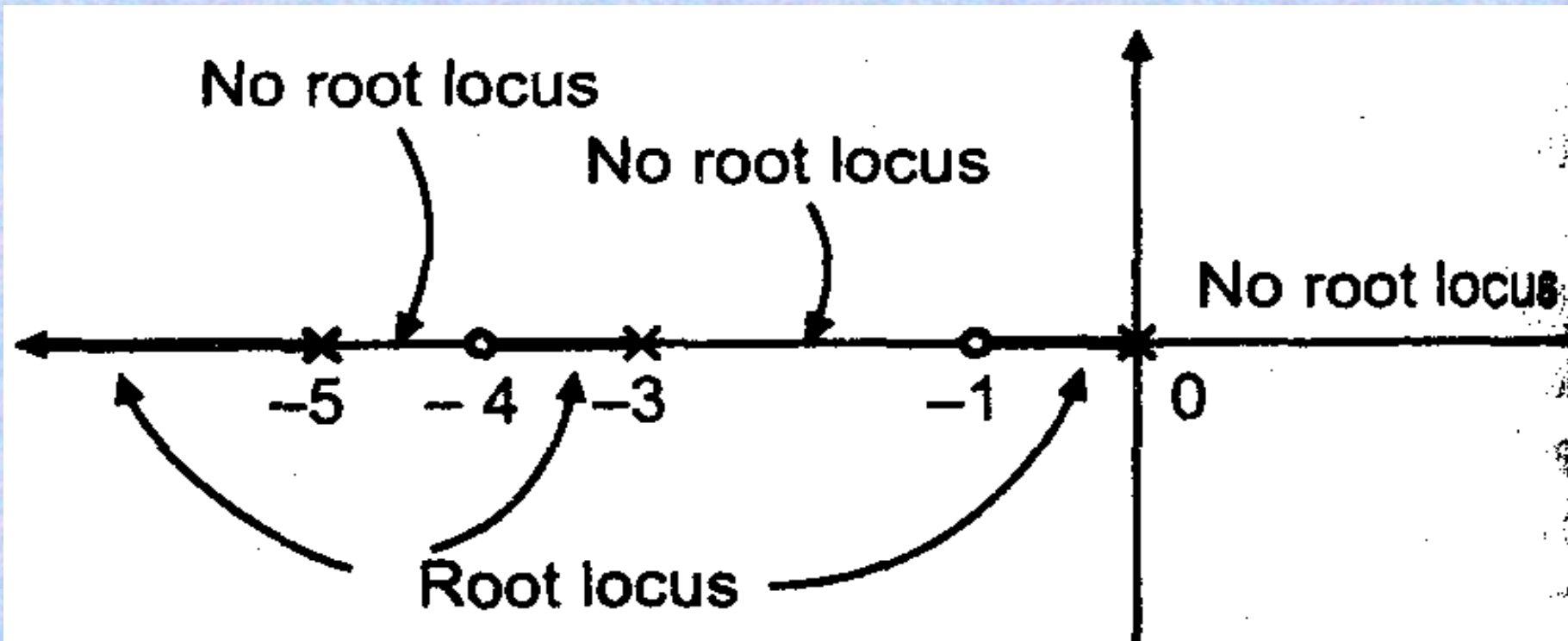
$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s + z_1)(s + z_2).....(s + z_m)}{(s + p_1)(s + p_2).....(s + p_n)}$$

- **Locate the open loop poles and zeros**
- **on the s-plane with selected symbols**

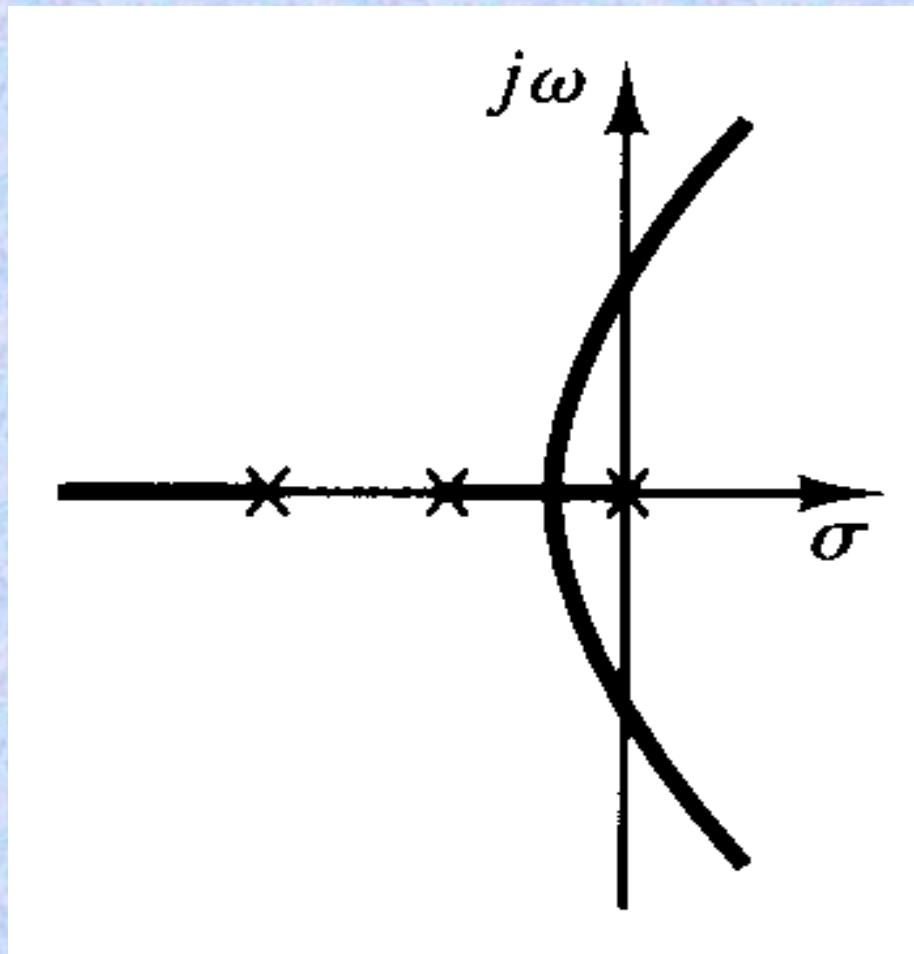
- 2. Branches of the root loci.
- ● The number of branches on the root loci is equal to the order of the system (number of poles of GH).
- ● The branches of the root loci are start at each of the poles of GH ($k = 0$) and terminates at the zeros of GH or at $s = \infty$.
- ● the number of poles of $G(s)H(s)$,
- n is more than or equal the number of zeros m .

- **• The number of branches terminating at $s=\infty$ (zero at infinity) equals the number of open-loop poles minus zeros ($n-m$).**

- **3● Root locus on the real axis**
- **The root locus on the real axis always lies in a section of the real axis to the left of an odd number of poles and zeros as shown in the following figure.**

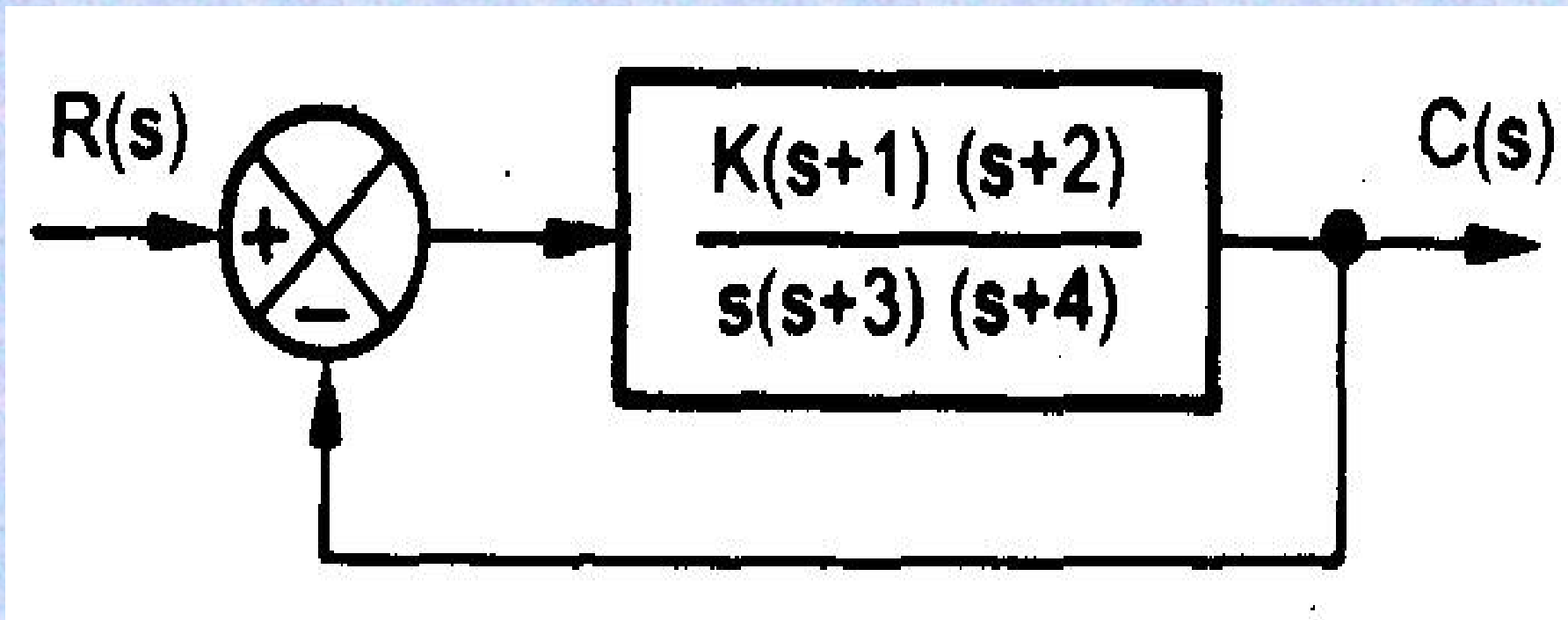


- **•The root locus are symmetrical with respect to the real axis (horizontal axis) of the s-plane .**

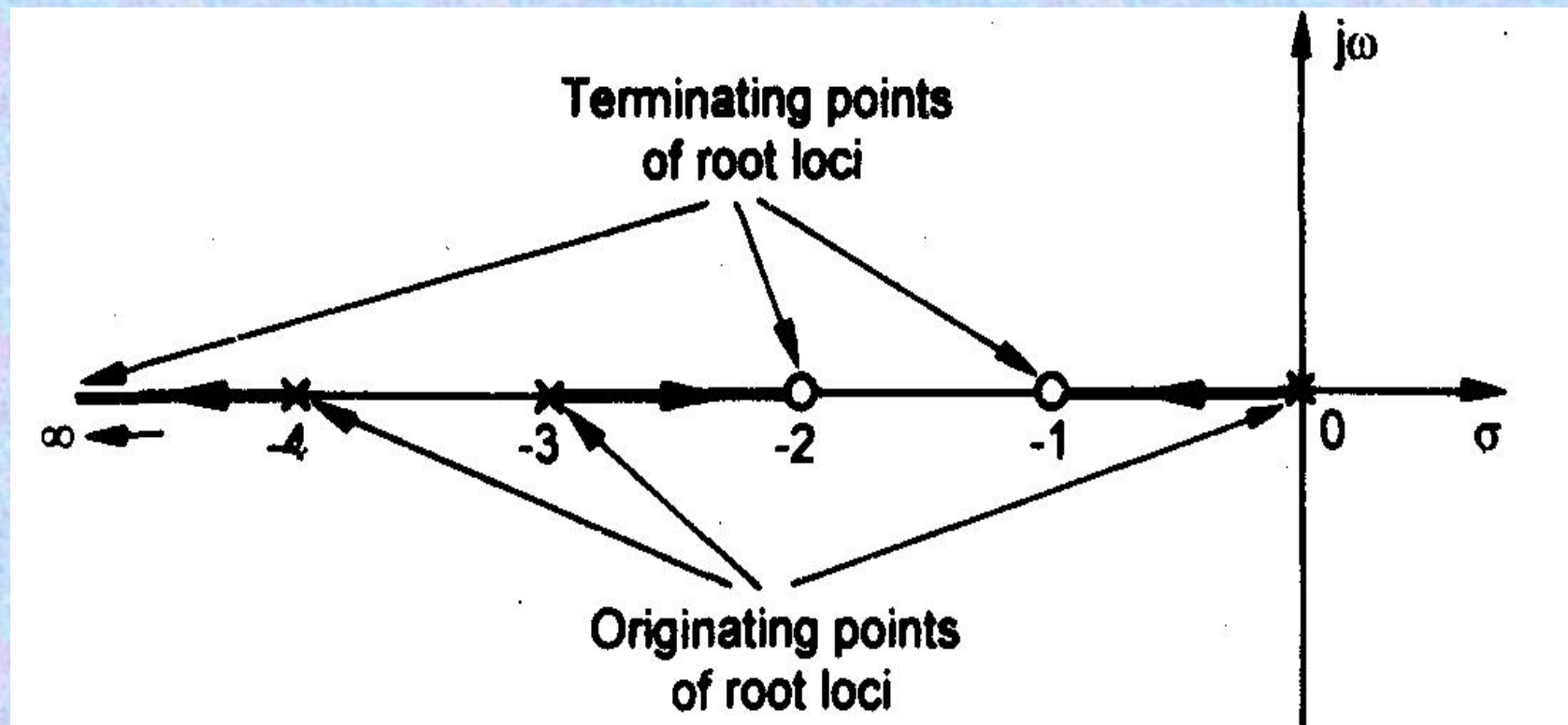


Example

Consider the system shown in Fig with the open-loop transfer function:

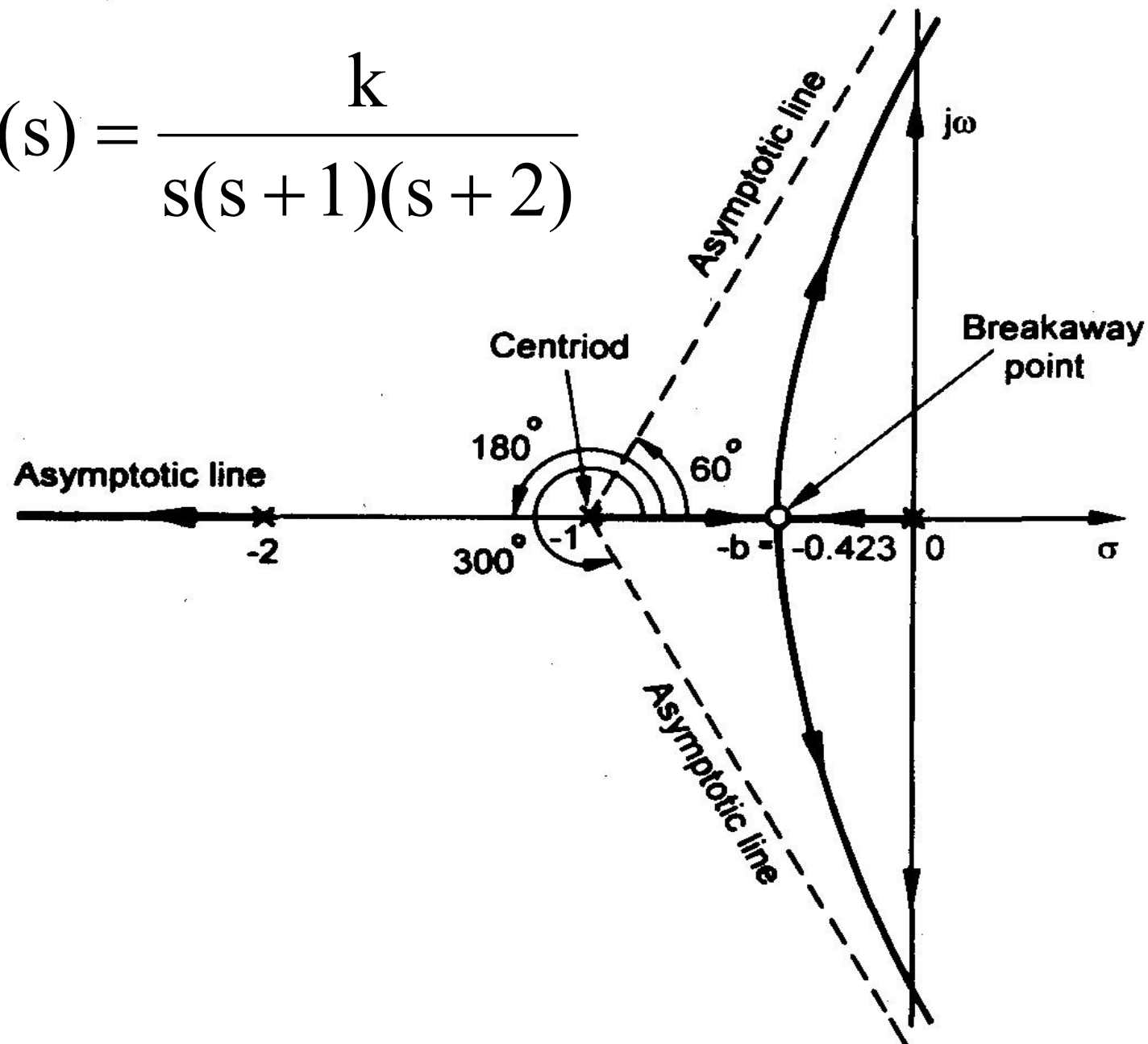


- The poles of the OLTF are at
- $\{s = 0, s = -3, s = -4\}$ and
- zeros at $\{s = -1, s = -2\}$
- The root locus diagram is shown in Fig.



• 4 • Asymptotes of root loci

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{k}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$



4 • Asymptotes of root loci

Asymptotes are the guidelines (straight lines) for branches approaching to infinity.

- Number of asymptotes = $n-m$
- Angles of the asymptotes are given by:

$$\theta_i = \frac{(2i+1)}{n-m} \times 180^\circ$$

$N \neq m$ where $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Dr. Refaat S. Ahmed

- **Intersection of the asymptotes (Centroid):**

- **The intersection of the asymptotes with the real axis is given by:**

- $$\sigma = \frac{\sum \text{real parts of poles} - \sum \text{real parts of zeros}}{n - m}$$

- **σ is the centroid and is always a real number.**

- **illustrative Example**
- **For the transfer function**

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{K}{(s+1)(s^2+4s+8)}$$

- **Calculate angles of asymptotes and the centroid.**

- **Solution:**

- **● No. of poles $n=3$, No. of zeros $m=0$**
- **● Since $n-m = 3-0 = 3$, there are 3 branches terminate at $s=\infty$**
- **● No. of asymptotes = 3.**
- **● The poles of $G(s)H(s)$ when $K=0$ are:**
- **at $\{ s = -1, s = -2+j2, s = -2-j2 \}$**

The angles of asymptotes are:

$$i = 0 : \theta_0 = \frac{180}{3} = 60^\circ$$

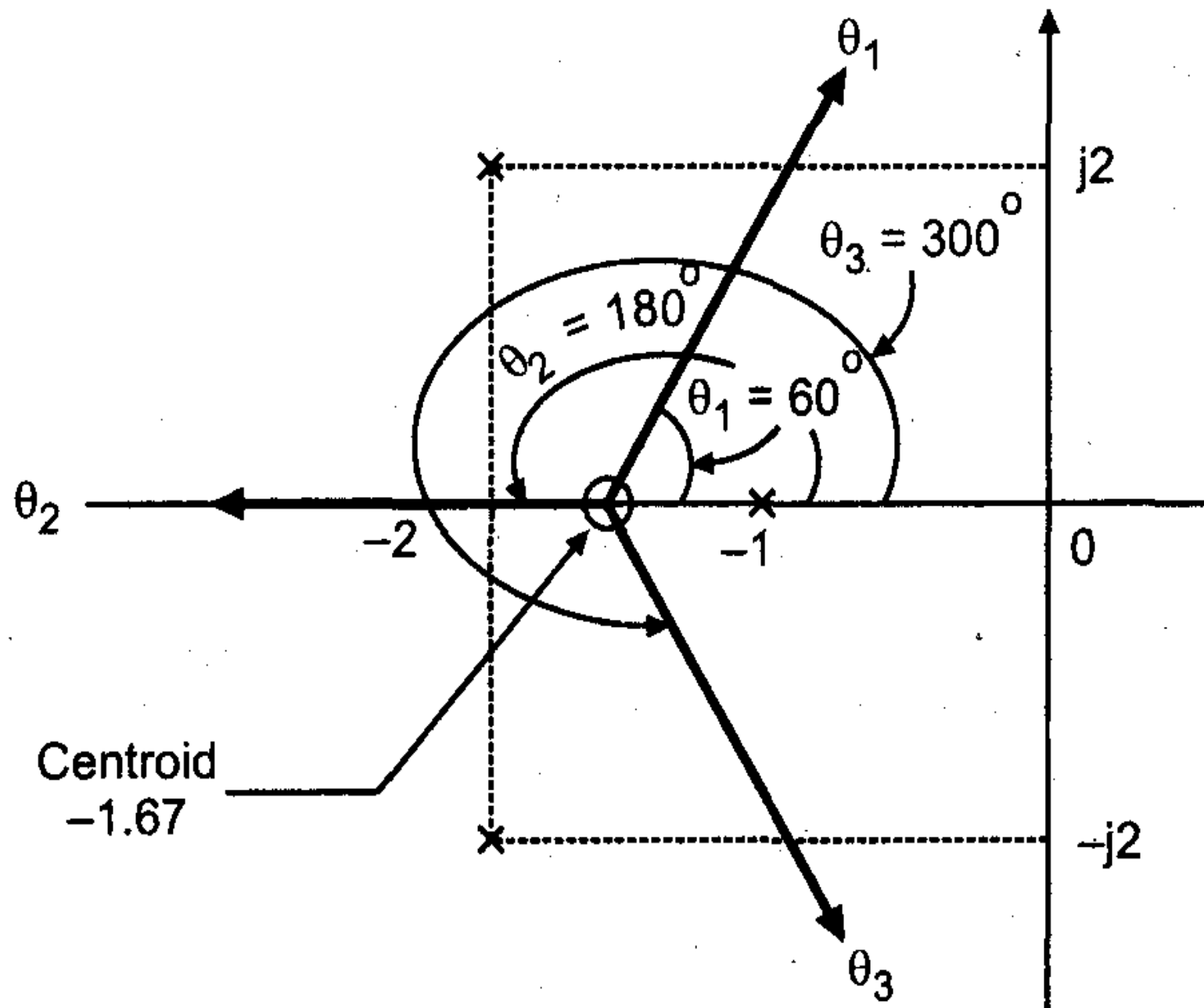
$$i = 1 : \theta_1 = \frac{540}{3} = 180^\circ$$

$$i = 2 : \theta_2 = \frac{900}{3} = 300^\circ$$

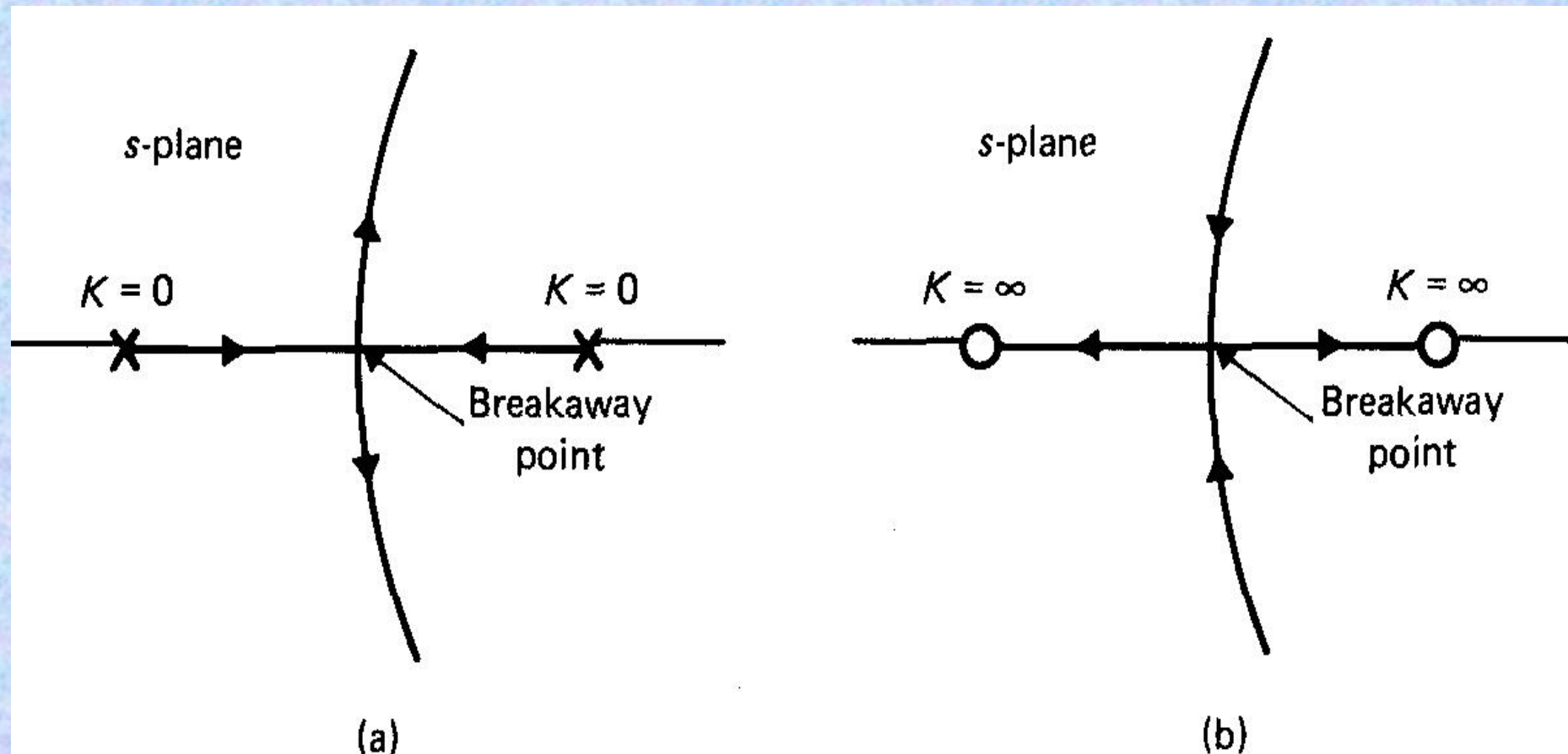
- The intersection of the asymptotes is:

$$\sigma = \frac{\sum \text{real parts of poles} - \sum \text{real parts of zeros}}{n - m}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{(0 - 4 - 1 - 1) - (-1)}{4 - 1} = -\frac{5}{3}$$



- **5. Breakaway (break-in) points:**
- **The figure illustrates the breakaway point on the real axis**



- **Determination of breakaway point**
- The breakaway point (if any) on the
- real axis can be evaluated as:
- **1. write the characteristic equation**
$$1+G(s)H(s)=0$$
- **2. Separate the terms involving K and write $K= f(s)$**
- **3. Find $dK / ds = 0$.**
- **4. The roots of $dK/ds=0$ gives the breakaway points.**

- **Example**
- **For the transfer function of the pervious example**

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{k}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

- **Find the breakaway point?**
- **Solution:**
- **The characteristic equation is $1+G(s)H(s) = 0$**

$$1 + \frac{k}{s(s+1)(s+2)} = 0$$

$$s(s+1)(s+2) + K = 0$$

$$K = -s(s+1)(s+2) = -(s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s)$$

$$\frac{dK}{ds} = -(3s^2 + 6s + 2) = 0$$

- The roots of the equation $dK/ds = 0$ are:

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 24}}{6} = -0.423, -1.577$$

- Since the breakaway point must lie
- between 0 and -1, it is clear that
- $s = -0.423$ corresponding to actual
- breakaway point.

- **6. Intersection of the root loci with the imaginary axis**
- **Determine the point at which the locus**
- **crosses the imaginary axis (if it does**
- **so) and the corresponding values of K**
- **using:**
- **1. the Routh-Hurwitz criterion or**
- **2. Replacing s by $j\omega$ in the characteristic equation.**

- Example :

- The characteristic equation of example is $1 + G(s)H(s) = 0$

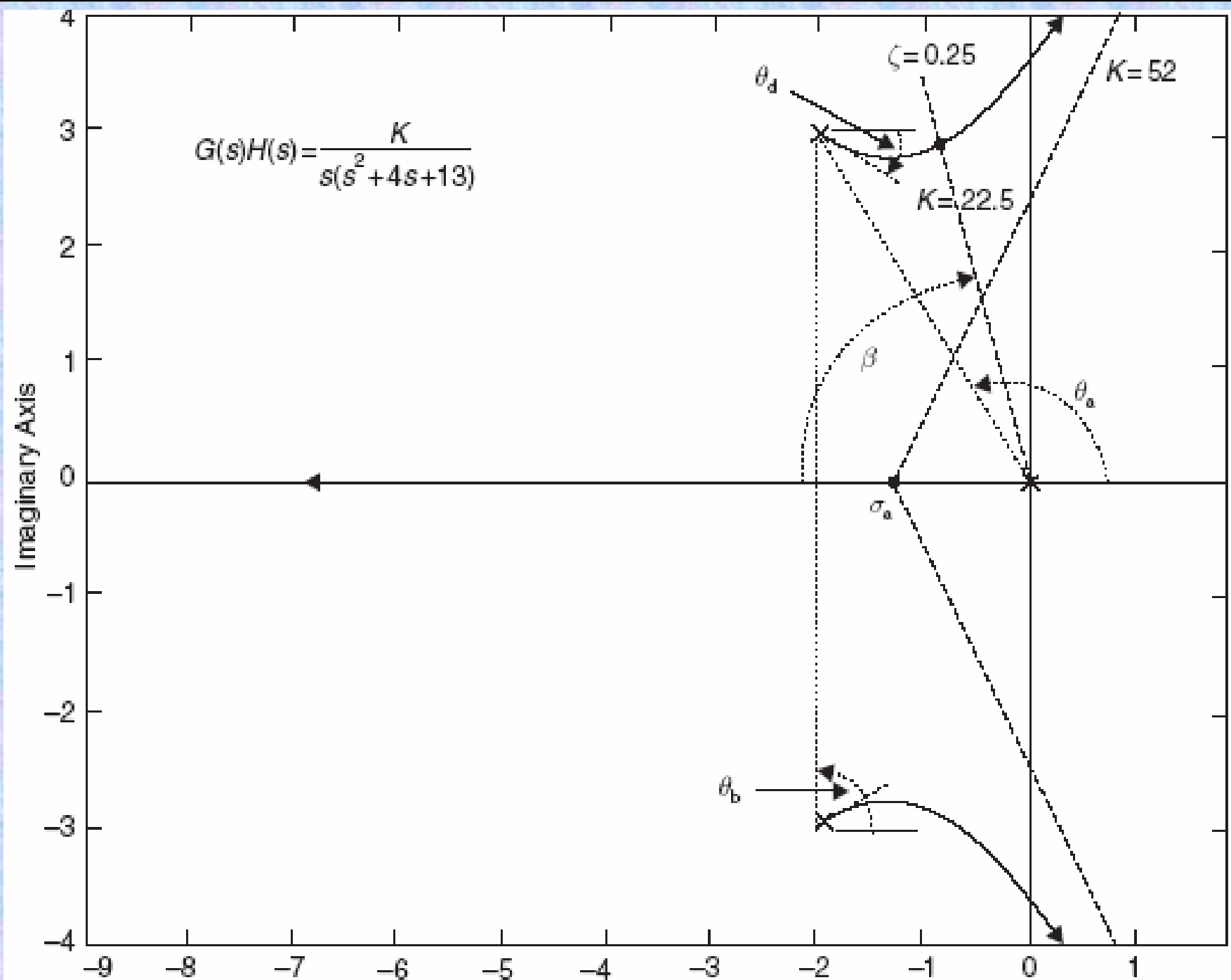
$$1 + \frac{k}{s(s+1)(s+2)} = 0$$

$$s(s+1)(s+2) + K = 0$$

$$s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + K = 0$$

- **Application of the Routh criterion to the above equation**
- **gives the critical value of K**
- **corresponds to the location of the roots on the $j\omega$ axis**
- **(locus crosses the imaginary axis).**

- **7. Angles of departure and angles of arrival of the root loci**



- **7. Angles of departure and angles of arrival of the root loci**
- **The angle of departure of the locus from a pole and**
- **the angle of arrival of the locus at a zero**
- **can be determined using the phase angle criterion.**

**Assume the angle of departure
from a complex pole = θ_d
The angle θ_d is:**

$$\theta_d = 180 - \sum \angle \text{of other poles} + \sum \angle \text{of all zeros}$$

- **Assume the angle of arrival to a complex zero = φ_a**

$$\varphi_a = 180^\circ - \sum \angle \text{of other zeros} + \sum \angle \text{of all poles}$$